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| | 10/736,413 | FATULA, JOSEPH JOHN | |
| | Examiner | Art Unit | |

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTO-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

- This communication is responsive to 07/02/2009.
- The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-5, 7, 9-13, 16-17, 19-20, 22-25, 30-33, 35-39, 42, 44, 46-59.
- Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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- Other _____.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Scott Thorpe (54,491) on November 03, 2009.

2. The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 5 (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim [[534]] 53, the global profile management module further mapping the unique data identifier to a second source client on which an identical copy of the data is stored.

Reason for Allowance

3. Claims 1-5, 7, 9-13, 16-17, 19-20, 22-25, 30-33, 35-39, 42, 44, 46-59 allowed.

4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The claimed invention is directed toward a sequence management apparatus for backing up data across a plurality of clients, the apparatus comprising: a storage device storing executable code; a processor executing the executable code, the executable code comprising a client request module receiving data to be backed up from a source client, the data comprising a plurality of backup data packets; a sequence module generating a non-transparent sequence comprising packet identifiers for each of the plurality of backup data packets arranged in an order that the plurality of backup data packets are stored from the source client to a plurality of target clients, wherein the non-

transparent sequence is unique and exclusively accessible to the sequence management apparatus; a packet storage module storing the data on the plurality of target clients according to the non-transparent sequence, wherein the source client and the plurality of target clients are organized in a grid computing system, wherein each physical distance between each target client storing backup data packets is not less than a specified client packet proximity minimum distance parameter and not more than a specified client packet proximity maximum distance parameter and each physical distance between the source client and each target client storing backup data packets is not less than a specified client backup proximity minimum distance parameter and not more than a specified client backup proximity maximum distance parameter, the specified client packet proximity minimum distance parameter and the specified client packet proximity maximum distance parameter, the specified client backup proximity minimum distance parameter, and the specified client backup proximity maximum distance parameter each specifying a distance value measured in a unit selected from miles and kilometers; a packet retrieval module-retrieving the plurality of backup data packets backed up on the plurality of target clients; and a data assembly module assembling the retrieved plurality of backup data packets in the non-transparent sequence of the packet identifiers.

In specific, the prior art of record taking singly or in combination does not teach or suggest the combination of a packet storage module storing the data on the plurality of target clients according to the non-transparent sequence, wherein the source client and the plurality of target clients are organized in a grid computing system, wherein

each physical distance between each target client storing backup data packets is not less than a specified client packet proximity minimum distance parameter and not more than a specified client packet proximity maximum distance parameter and each physical distance between the source client and each target client storing backup data packets is not less than a specified client backup proximity minimum distance parameter and not more than a specified client backup proximity maximum distance parameter, the specified client packet proximity minimum distance parameter and the specified client packet proximity maximum distance parameter, the specified client backup proximity minimum distance parameter, and the specified client backup proximity maximum distance parameter each specifying a distance value measured in a unit selected from miles and kilometers. In addition, Applicant's argument presented in page 29, paragraph 1 of the remark dated 07/02/2009 with respect to the rejection of claim 1 has been fully considered and deemed persuasive. Wherein the remark, the Applicant argues that "Beeler only teaches selecting a location of a target server with distance requirements. Beeler, page 6, ¶ 85. In addition, Wahl only discloses that data may be mirrored a short distance (across the wall) or a long distance (hundreds of miles away) but does not teach that target clients must be both with minimum and maximum distances from each other and from a source client". The closest applied prior arts of record (i.e Beeler, JR. (publication no.: US 2004/0083245 A1), Schutzman et al. (Patent no.: US 6,505,216 B1), Goddard (patent no.: US 6,883,110 B1) and Wahl et al. (patent no.: US 6,324,654 B1)) do not teach or suggest these features. Based on this reasoning, claim 1 is allowable over the applied prior art of record.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to LIN LIU whose telephone number is (571)270-1447. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday, 7:30am - 5:00pm, EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Srivastava Vivek can be reached on (571) 272-7304. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free). If you would like assistance from a USPTO Customer Service Representative or access to the automated information system, call 800-786-9199 (IN USA OR CANADA) or 571-272-1000.

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